



## Guidelines of a Pirate Baseball Parent

1. Be positive with your son. Let him know that he is accomplishing something by simply being a part of this team.
2. If your son is not a starter, assure him that his role is extremely important to this team.
3. Support your son's coaches. They represent the authority directing this team. When the coaches are supported by the parents, the players will certainly follow suit.
4. Encourage your son to follow all team and WISD school rules. We as coaches must expect more from our athletes than we do the average student in the halls. The more sacrifice one makes for the team, the more that the team means to him.
5. Insist on your son doing his best in the classroom. Every player on our team is a valuable asset to our program.
6. Parents must be team players also. Be careful not to develop envy toward other players because of a homerun, great play, etc. Parent jealousy can and will devastate a team.
7. Please respect the profession of coaching. Your son's coaches are professionals and are with your son virtually twelve months of the year. They know what your son's capabilities are. You may want to question a coach's decision, but to publicly slander judgments made by the coaches is detrimental to the team.
8. Be an enthusiastic Pirate fan. Always display our pride with the class for which we are known. Degrading of any players is not building Pirate baseball tradition.
9. Be a "team" fan, not a "my kid" fan.
10. Expect your son to take responsibility for his and the team's actions. Give him credit when things go well. But hold him responsible when mistakes are made. We can learn from our mistakes only when we are held responsible.
11. Strive to understand the importance of the "TEAM". You as parents are a vital part of our team. When the coaches, players, and parents all believe in each other and supporting each other, all things are possible!